

HESTER TAKES FOURTH PLACE IN CIF FINALS

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Pettit Goes To Class 'C' Salinas Club

Narbonne High's Paul Pettit, \$95,000 "Bonus Baby" of the Pittsburgh Pirates, has been optioned by the Hollywood Stars to Salinas in the Class 'C' California League.

The Lomita lefthander was moved to Salinas on option to make room on the Hollywood squad for utility infielder Bob Bundy, who has been on the inactive list.

Pettit will get a chance to work frequently at Salinas where little Johnny O'Neill, former Hollywood shortstop, is manager.

The chucker has been used mostly as a reliever this season with the Stars. Since signing for the huge bonus in 1950, Pettit has been shuttled back and forth between Pittsburgh, New Orleans and Hollywood.

In 1952, he had a good season with the Stars, but was plagued intermittently by a sore arm and then lack of control. Of late, the flinger has shown indications that he might develop into a top-notch pinch hitter.



CARLOS SKAGGS... A second-string All-Bay Leaguer at guard last season, Skaggs is captain of the '54 Tartar grid machine and will be seeing much action in "the line" come September. Spring practice at Torrance High goes into its final week tomorrow. The team opens play against Chula Vista here Sept. 25.

Tartar Hits 1:59.6, Misses 3rd by Hair

Running the race of his life, Tartar half-miler Dennis Hester thundered past the finish line in 1:59.6 to take fourth place in the CIF yesterday in the CIF finals at Excelsior High.

The smooth-striding junior missed third place and a crack at the California State meet by a phenomenal 880 in which only 5 of a second separated the first four finishers.

Jim Geyer of Grossmont won the event in 1:59.1 and Hester, who held third place all the way, was edged out by the barest of margins in the last 10 yards.

Runs Fastest Half It was the fastest half mile the fleet Tartar had ever run. He qualified for the finals by trotting the .880 in 2:01.3 in semi-finals Tuesday.

Top-rated Lon Rhodes of Bellflower was not among the first five finishers in the event. In a blanket finish, Geyer took first, Gaines of San Bernardino was second, and Gilmore of Riverside edged past Hester in the last ten yards for third.

The CIF's top Southland tracksters went all the way to the final event—the relay—before the 1954 CIF champ emerged. Santa Ana won the relay and the championship with 15 points and Centennial was second with 14. Santa Monica finished with 11 points.

Centennial Leads Centennial led 14-10 over Santa Ana going into the final event, but did not field a relay team and had to stand by and watch the coveted title slip away.

The first three men in each event qualify for the State Meet in Berkeley Saturday.

Fortunately for Torrance and for Coach Vern Wolfe, Hester will be back for another crack at half-mile honors next year, and will be shooting for the Torrance school record—1:58.5—set by Gerald McDonald in 1941.

Following are the first place men in each varsity running event.

HIGH HURDLES—Thompson, Centennial, 14.6

100—Swisshelm, Santa Ana, 10 flat

440—Kitchen, Riverside, 49.6

880—Geyer, Grossmont, 1:59.1

LOW HURDLES—Trainer, Laguna Beach, 19.7

220—Swisshelm, Santa Ana, 22.5

MILE—Hadley, Bellflower, 4:25.8

800—RELAY—Santa Ana.

Siedel to Attend Post Office Clerk Convention

Ed Siedel will represent Torrance at the biennial convention of the California Federation of Post Office Clerks, to be held next weekend at the Carrillo Hotel in Santa Barbara.

Siedel is a member of Local 1043 of the National Federation of Post Office Clerks. The Convention will begin Friday and adjourn on Monday.

TEST DISCOVERER The discoverer of the Wassermann reaction, August Von Wasserman, was a German professor of medicine. His death occurred in 1925.

Chin ups, Horizontal Bar

1—Ken Yaname, number—15

Larry Denning, 13. Don Bennett, 12. Bill Strohm, 11 and Phil Knight, 11.

Rope Climb

1—Jim Dahlberg, time—6.2

2—Bob Adams, 6.4. 3—Phil Gaul, 6.5. 4—Dennis Patterson, 6.6. tie for fifth between Tom Poulson and David Murphy, 7 sec.

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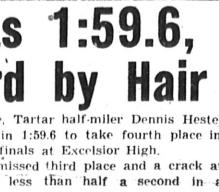
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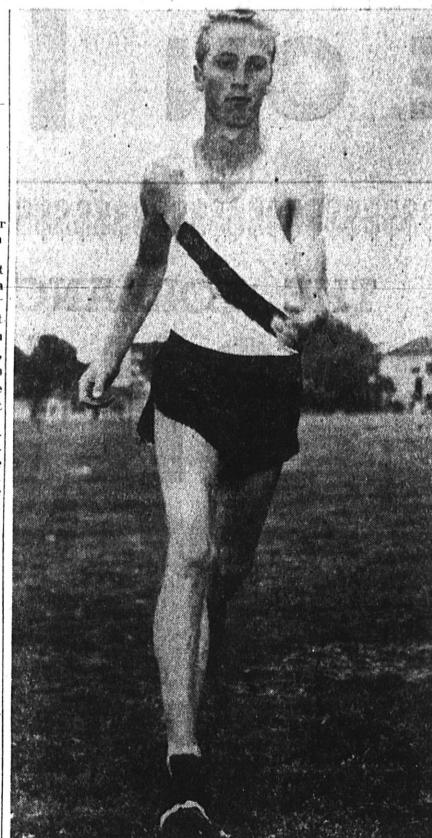
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Braves, Yanks Deadlock

Dodgers Blast Tigers, Cubs Edge Cards

The first tie game of the young Little League season was chalked up Friday when the Harvey Braves and Pacific Perforating Yankees deadlocked 2-2 in six innings.

The game will be replayed at a later date. Gary Schmidt of the Braves and Hank Gary Henderson locked in a pitcher's battle. Schmidt giving up six hits and Henderson yielding five.

Each team contributed a four-master. Brave Gary Desmond smashed a homer and Yankee Al Wicker touched all four. The Yankees toted up two double plays—Henderson to Jack Tar-

Smith to Tarney.

Tigers Win Out

Handy relief chucker by Gary Graham helped the Seven-Up Ti-

gers outlast the Kiwanis Dodgers 9-7 Thursday.

The Tigers outhit the Dodgers 10-2, with Gresham getting two knockouts for himself. His opposing pitcher, Billy Williams, yielded 10 hits but got half of his own team's base runs—1 for 2.

Tigers Kurt Probst, Dick Gomez and Nick Urban each poled two hits.

Cubs Edge Cards

Twirlers Pete Kemp of the Lions Cubs and Kenny Gates of the Elks Cards put on a real show for the fans in a Wednesday Little League battle.

Kemp allowed but two hits and struck out 12, while Gates gave up three hits and whiffed 10, but was the losing pitcher. Kemp's Cubs squeezed by the Cards 3-

with a three-run fourth inning rally.

Shortstop Camden Coberly of the Cubs rapped a four play poke to spark the spurge. He also was instrumental in helping the Cubs rapped a four ply in the game.

Second sacker Mike Coberly and right fielder Ray Wilson got the Cards' only hit, Coberly, Catcher Mike Ozark and first sacker David Clutter hit for the Cubs.

Harvey Braves... Pacific Yankees... Schmidt and Griff, Henderson and Hunkle.

Dodgers... Tigers... Graham and Hill.

Lions Cubs... Elks Cards... Kemp and Carke, Gates and Greer.

Baseball League To Be Formed at Normandale Park

Formation of a Little Coast League baseball league at Normandale Playground will get underway with an organizational meeting of players and parents Friday at 7:30 p. m., according to Joel Adler, director of recreation.

The meeting will be held at the playground, 224th St. and Hall-dale Ave.

Purpose of the meeting will be to form teams for play in the Little Coast League, which is for boys ages 8 to 12.

All boys who would like to enter the new league are asked to attend the meeting and bring their father, mother, or anyone interested in coaching or helping in the operation of the league, Adler said.

Teams will use the Normandale diamond, and play will begin sometime after the second Monday in June.

Normandale is part of the Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Department.

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SPORTS

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MARTIN'S BRILLIANT FIELDING AND CLUTCH HITTING—MORE THAN MAKES UP FOR HIS 250 AVERAGE.

Sportsmen Tip Rotary, Moose Top Optimists

The Hollywood Riviera Sportsmen came from behind in the last inning to upset the Rotary Club 5-3 in a Service Club Slo-Pitch tiff Wednesday at WALTERIA PARK.

Rotary led 3-2 going into the seventh, but the Sportsmen rallied for three to take the victory. Willys Blount absorbed the loss.

In the second Service Club fray Wednesday, the Moose walked on the Optimists to the tune of 7-1, scoring the majority of their runs in the last frame.

Blue Streakers

The Walteria Methodist Church toppled the Lutheran men 9-5 in Blue Streak play Thursday at Torrance Park, and at WALTERIA, the Fire Dept. "A" team outlasted the City Workers 14-8 and the National Blues squeaked by the Torrance Gardens team 6-5.

Sportsmen... Rotary... Moose Club... Optimists... Fire Dept. "A" team... City Workers.

CONTROL CHANGES

Island of Yap, now controlled by the United States, was formerly ruled in succession by the Spaniards, the Germans and then the Japanese.

SPORTS CALENDAR

'Little Leagues'

May 25, Tuesday—Cubs at Braves.

May 26, Wednesday—Giants at Tigers.

May 27, Thursday—Yankees at Cards.

May 28, Friday—Dodgers at Pirates.

May 29, Saturday—Yanks at Braves, Giants at Pirates.

May 30, Sunday—Tigers at Dodgers, Cards at Cubs.

softball

May 24, Monday—Marine Clerks vs. Harbor Hornets, Dow Styron vs. WBM, both at Torrance Park.

May 26, Wednesday—Longren Acres vs. Darles Inc., Torrance Park.

Blue Streak

May 27, Thursday—Torrance Gardens vs. Walteria Meth. Church, Fire Dept. "A" vs. National Blues, Walteria, Local 1135 vs. Midland Rubber, Torrance Park.

May 28, Friday—Lutheran Men vs. Fire Dept. "B", Torrance Park.

Service Club

May 25, Tuesday—Rotary vs. Jr. C. of C., Optimists vs. WBM, Torrance Park.

May 26, Wednesday—Lions vs. Sportsmen, Legion vs. Moose, Walteria Park.

Track

May 29, Saturday—California State Meet, Berkeley.

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Smith, Van Lead THS Ash Tallies

All Bay Leaguer But Smith led the Torrance High stickers with a lusty .434 batting average and Tom Vanderpool was the winningest pitcher, according to statistics released Friday by Tartar Coach Dick Leach.

Ron Anderson, who was not mentioned on the All-League teams, nevertheless rapped .304 to take second place honors. He batted only .265 in league games, however, compared to a hot 400 in practice tilts.

Smith bashed .400 in league games, .478 in practice. Manuel Olloque finished third in the hit parade with .288.

Southpaw Vanderpool compiled a three win, four loss record and whiffed 44, while walking 40. Gary Hakanson led in strikeouts, however, with 50. He won two and lost four.

Player	Pos.	GP	AB	R	H	HR	3B	Ave.	Bat. Field
Butt Smith, Jr	1b	18	53	18	23	1	5	.434	.920
Ron Anderson (UHL)	cf	17	56	6	17	0	0	.304	.970
Barrett Lee 3b, 2b, lf	3b	13	43	4	12	0	1	.280	1.000
Manuel Olloque, c, p, rf	cf	18	53	10	15	0	0	.283	.968
Jim Haworth, ss, of, 3b, 2b	cf	11	21	3	5	0	0	.238	.777
Sherwood Tiernan, 3b, 2b	cf	11	21	1	5	0	1	.238	.928
Tom Vanderpool, p, rf	cf	10	21	1	5	0	0	.216	1.000
Dave Drazkowski, of	cf	11	37	5	8	0	0	.200	.888
George Hurley, ss, 2b	cf	15	40	8	8	0	0	.200	.888
Walt McHenry, cf	cf	8	29	6	5	0	0	.172	.918
Bob Boss, 1b	cf	14	31	2	5	0	0	.161	.930

Name	W	L	AB	IP	R	H	SO	BB
Tom Vanderpool	3	4	240	50	46	53	44	40
Gary Hakanson	2	4	207	45	40	23	30	28
Ron Anderson	1	3	97	19	21	12	30	12
Manuel Olloque	0	1	41	6	15	3	9	9
Herni Cobrea	0	1	7	1	4	3	0	